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## Gunfire on campus: What we know

A chronological sequence of what has taken place in the following weeks



**MALCOLM LOVE** Nineteen-year-old student Malcolm Love allegedly pointed a gun at non-student William R. Richardson in a Wal-Mart parking lot, then shot at him a couple of days later at an unsanctioned block party outside of Crossroads Hall. Love is in Smith County jail on a \$601,000 bond.

**Colten Sneed**  
Editor-In-Chief

A gunshot at the Crossroads Hall during an unsanctioned block party was first reported by The DrumBeat on Monday, Sept. 18. The DrumBeat learned about the gunshot from students who witnessed the scene. After contacting the college, student media was told that the college was investigating the incident as a "loud bang."

TJC started their investigation of the shooting the day after, on Tuesday, Sept. 19. In an interview with The DrumBeat that day, Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations, Rebecca Sanders said an officer was on the scene at the time of the gunshot and heard the loud bang, but he did not believe it was gunfire.

"The source of that noise is undetermined and there is an investigation that is continuing. The campus police are investigating. The bang is undetermined and was not perceived as a threat and we do not believe that there is threat to students," said Sanders on the day of the investigation.

However, according to the Smith County arrest warrant affidavit, obtained by KLTN and shared with The DrumBeat, the statement from the officer on scene appears to suggest that the officer thought the sound was a gunshot.

The affidavit states, "Sergeant Mark Pierce of the Tyler Junior College Police Department heard a loud noise (believed to be a gunshot report). This noise was investigated with no results."

The investigation was completed on

Wednesday, Sept. 20. Following the investigation, the identity of the suspect was known and the "loud bang" was confirmed to be a gunshot.

Police say 19-year-old student Malcolm Love fired the gun. William R. Richardson, who is not a registered student for this semester and had an on-going dispute with Love. A previous contact between the two resulted in Love allegedly pointing a gun at Richardson in a Wal-Mart parking lot on Sept. 16.

Richardson made contact with TJC police officer, James Lucas, Sept. 20 and reported he saw Love.

"Richardson stated the [sic] he had started to leave in order to avoid a confrontation. Richardson advised that he started walking to his friend's car and Love and an un-identified Black Male followed him to the center of the parking lot," according to the arrest affidavit.

Richardson stated that he looked at Love and the other male and that both subjects were pointing handguns at him."

On Sept. 23, Sergeant Pierce and assistant Chief Dale Hukill of TJC PD found a spent 9mm Luger shell casing in the parking lot where the gunshot occurred.

A week after the shooting and five days after the investigation concluded, Love was the main suspect. He was finally arrested on Sept. 25. He is currently in the Smith County jail on a \$601,000 bond. For five days Love was free, out in the public, and believed to be capable of

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## Tech, Lubbock communities unite to commemorate slain officer

**Candice Clark**  
La Vida Editor  
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Texas Tech University

The fountains in the center of Memorial Circle bubbled quietly as hundreds of members from Texas Tech and Lubbock communities gathered by the flagpoles, candles in hand. Led by the Student Government Association and Dylan Rogers, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Sunnyvale, a memorial was hosted to honor Tech police officer Floyd East Jr., who died on Monday, Oct. 9. The memorial was at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Rogers said he had the idea for the memorial on Monday night, when the university was put on lockdown after Tech freshman Hollis Daniels, 19, shot East at

you all here," Meyer said. "It's not the best circumstances that I can be speaking to you, but it is something that we are taking head on. I want to thank everyone for being here to honor a fallen hero, someone who daily put their life on the line for us."

Rogers said Meyer and the SGA reached out to him after seeing his original tweet about the memorial service.

"I'm not with any organizations here," he said. "Earlier today SGA reached out to me, (I) partnered with them, and they helped with a couple of things. The president and other people will say some words, they are getting microphones and a speaker. I didn't know it would blow up as it did."

Tech President Lawrence Schovanec also offered some words at the memorial.

"A tragic and sad event brings us together, but I hope the family of officer



Photo by Abbie Burnett, The Daily Toreador

**"Last night, sitting in my dorm, I had a bunch of people come over, worrying and seeing everybody distraught and scared. I figured I wanted to do something to bring everyone together."**

—Dylan Rogers  
Freshman Texas Tech student

the Tech Police Department headquarters and fled the scene on foot.

"Last night, sitting in my dorm, I had a bunch of people come over, worrying and seeing everybody distraught and scared," he said. "I figured I wanted to do something to bring everyone together. Get everybody's spirit back up and reboot the community and show that Texas Tech is still strong."

The memorial began with remarks from SGA President Robbie Meyer, a senior kinesiology major from Lubbock.

"It is with a heavy heart that I welcome

East and our police department find some peace and support in the kindness and compassion you show by being here," he said. "What has happened on our campus is a very sad event, and very hard to understand, but it's somewhat more bearable, but it's made more bearable by the love, concern and care we have seen for

**IN MEMORIAM** Students stand in silence at a candlelight vigil for fallen Texas Tech Police Officer Floyd East Jr. at Memorial Circle, Tuesday, Oct 10, 2017.

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## TJC introduces new 911 system for safety Tyler Police Department teams up with Campus Police



**SAFETY FIRST** Signs posted throughout TJC reflect the priority of the campus.

Photo by Anna Graves

**Anna Graves**  
News Editor

TJC police officers are anticipating the arrival of a new 911 system that will be installed on campus at the end of this month of October 2017.

Because of the large size of TJC's campus and the number of students, Tyler Distict Police Department acknowlegded the need for safety and quick actions. They teamed up with the college to fund and approve the new system.

In the past, with the old telephone system on campus, when students made phone calls to 911 from TJC, their call was directed to the Tyler Police Department, instead of directly to the campus. Tyler police would then have to physically call TJC police by telephone, and campus police receive a pre-recorded message about the incident. This causes delay in information as well the the response time for an officer to arrive at the situation.

Randy Melton, chief of police at Tyler Junior College explains this new system, which is between Tyler Junior

College and Smith County District. "We started a year ago, last fall, we worked with the district, we applied for this piece of equipment. It went before the the board of directors, and they approved the purchase and the installation of this equipment at no cost of the college.

"What it is, is a terminal, which means we can see all the information coming in on the 911 calls that the primary terminal sees. This is called a secondary public safety answering point or PSAP." Says Melton

With having this new method of the secondary public safety answering point, campus police can have more specific and faster information flow.

"Now when we get it we will see the same information in the same timely manner as Tyler Police before the call is transferred, and relying on what is told us by the Tyler PD dispatcher, and so we can see all the information as far as the locations and the call notes and everything." Says Melton.

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## Scholarships available to TJC students to travel abroad

**Anna Graves**  
News Editor

Students and faculty of Tyler Junior College are gearing up for the annual study abroad trip to Greece coming up in the Spring of 2018. The event has been taking place for overtweny years, but next spring is only the second visit to Greece.

Upon the arrival to Greece, the group will travel to seven of the UNESCO world heritage sights, such as Athens, Olympia, Delphi and many more. Along with an archaeological and biblical study into the ancient civilizations.

Political science professor, Manoucher Khosrowshahi, also known as Dr. K, organizes and directs the trip for students to learn about the culture, language, art, politics, economy and architecture, of Greece. The experience is packed with so much valuable insight and real-life applications.

"Also they learn social skills because when we go into community they have to learn to communicate with others." Says Khosrowshahi. "...It's important for American students to be knowledgeable about other countries-learn about other languages. These are the ones who are going to be the future leaders of the United States"

Dr. K explains the significance of how much greek culture has been an influence to American culture. "Our



Photo by Manoucher Khosrowshahi

**ATHENS GREECE** The Tyler Junior college from last spring's trip pose in front of the ancient civilization of Acropolis.

**"This increases their knowledge of Greece, so when they go there they can absorb more information."**

-Manoucher Khosrowshahi  
Government Professor

culture-civilization is based on greek civilization. Look at the architecture in Washington DC, look at the science, look at mathematics,

medicine, all come from greek works."

In order to facilitate and make it easy for travelers, there are three different flexible travel plans. The trip is offered in ten, eleven or twelve day options. It can begin on march 8th, 9th or 10th. And can continue until the 18th or 19th.

A scholarship is available to any TJC student who would like to join the adventure.

The tour is open to the public. Any community member, student or faculty member can enroll for this project, but only TJC students are eligible to apply for the scholarship. In the past, many students have had some sort of financial aid to fund their journey.

Whether with or without the scholarship, this is a once in a lifetime experience to learn and grow through hands on learning and sight-seeing.

It is recommended that those who are interested, or who plan to travel, should attend the orientation.

Dr. K held the first orientation on Saturday, October 7th, and will repeat the same orientation in February for those who were unable to attend the previous one. It is a day long presentation of the geography and social skills and will go in depth into what is expected during the trip.

"...This increases their knowledge of Greece, so when they go there they can absorb more information." Says Dr.

For more information about traveling to Greece visit the website [tjc.edu/greece](http://tjc.edu/greece). This will give elaborate details on everything you need to know about the trip, prices, and where you can find the registration document. Or you can contact Manouchehr Khosrowshahi at [mkho@tjc.edu](mailto:mkho@tjc.edu) for information as well as inquiring about the scholarship application.

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## Football coach fights battles on, off the field

### Danny Palmer considered a father figure by football team



Photo by Isaiah Thornton

**BEAT CANCER EVERYDAY** Danny Palmer walks through practice as the football team works on drills. On the door to his office there is a sign that states "beat cancer everyday." No matter what obstacle the team or cancer throws at him he is equipt to fight the battle. The Apaches are currently ranked No. 9 in the Nation with a 5-1 overall record

**BRIANNA HARMON**  
Sports Editor

For 44 years Danny Palmer has battled to win games on the football field, 11 of them spent as the head coach at Tyler Junior College.

But in 2013 Palmer began to battle at home when he was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL). CLL is a cancer that is formed in the white blood cells in adults and affects B cell lymphocytes, which originate in the bone marrow, develop in the lymph nodes, and normally fight infection by producing antibodies.

Palmer was diagnosed while recovering from a kidney disease that is completely in remission now.

"It was by accident, I was recovering from a kidney disease that is now completely in remission," said Palmer. "She noticed my white blood cell count was high all of a sudden. I was in the early stages of CLL. It never got the point where I was in danger but it did get to the point where I needed to get on chemo. I was always tired. When I was first diagnosed with it Dr. Richards said 'coach by the time this thing gets a little higher with your white blood count we are going to have some stuff that we will just beat this thing up

enjoyed the association I have had here with my assistant coaches the past 11 years. I take a lot of pride in knowing that maybe they learned something from me. I just love Tyler Junior College, it's a sentimental journey."

Palmer has nearly completed his battle with CLL and has had talks with his doctors about being in remission.

"Sometimes I go two or three days and not even think about it, and have a normal life," said Palmer. "You have to stop and thank God too for that and your family. But what really keeps you going is being around the football players."

Palmer is a Tyler native; he attended high school at John Tyler and attended school at TJC.

"The main thing is the sentimental journey that you grow up in your own home town and your life is now driving on the streets you grew up on," said Palmer. "I can tell you every store, I can remember every football game, I can remember the starting lineups of the 1960 Rose Bowl game, I remember my favorite players, I even remember the great basketball team under Floyd Wagstaff."

Not only has the football team and TJC made an impact on Palmer, but he has left a lasting impact on the players he has coached.

"Coach Palmer motivates us every day

**"This is the best team I have ever been on. He is the best coach I have ever had. He has a good heart. I know we are going to do big things for Coach Palmer"**

-Seth Glenn  
Defensive Linebacker

with."

Palmer began regular chemo and after a month he switched to a tablet form of chemo called Imbruvica.

"Immediately within two months there was an injury surge because my white blood count was way up," said Palmer. "My energy level was up it was unbelievable, even the players noticed it. It's a miracle and I know God has a plan in it. The ball has to bounce your way in life and in coaching."

Through the battling cancer Palmer has never stopped coaching and plans to coach as long as he can.

"I am going to coach as long as my wife wants me to, as long as my children want me to and my grandchildren," said Palmer. "As long as I love practicing, that's what I love about football is practice. I have really

during practices," said offensive linebacker Daqualyn Thomas. "No other guy has leukemia, you would think he would be down but he comes out there every day keeping that same energy and passion for the game. I'm glad and thankful he's my coach".

Defensive back Seth Glenn says that watching Palmer be strong through his struggles it has given him hope to get through his injury.

"It pushes me even more," said Glenn. "This is the best team I have ever been on. He is the best coach I have ever had. He has a good heart. I know we are going to do big things for Coach Palmer."

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## Volleyball continues to progress as season advances

**Luke Hamilton**  
Staff Writer

A 10-8 record heading into a bye week is the slight progress TJC Volleyball was looking for.

In the words of Head Coach Brandi Hood, she says "we're finding a consistency" which is a

new experience this year. The beginning of the season was a back and forth feeling where TJC

was only able to get the occasional two game win streak.

TJC Volleyball may be heading in a direction that can spark consistency in the win column. Coach Hood says that the average start was "more due to our inconsistency than maybe people being better than us", so if TJC finds consistency in playing their best game it is often shown that many cannot beat TJC's best outings. Being two games above .500 TJC has a chance to come out of the bye week with a rested and prepared team to continue their winning ways.

A full week off for TJC Volleyball consisted of "a lot of weights, conditioning" according to Coach Hood. With a chance to rest the sore muscles and properly recover, Coach

Hood wants her team to start gaining that postseason mentality to translate to their game. This will be vital due to the fact that their October schedule will be a month-long road trip.

For Coach Hood, she enjoys embracing the road team mentality. A chance to upset a crowd and dig deep to find that extra physical and mental push to fight through a long tough match is what Coach Hood tends to preach to her group. When asked about how

her team has managed road games this year Coach Hood says they haven't quite faced that true road game feeling yet. Many of the road games this year for TJC have been a tournament format which never draws in as big of a crowd as a big conference road game.

With a roster that is half freshman and half sophomore leadership has not been hard to find. There truly is a mentality for each individual to be a leader.

Hood is not only excited about the upcoming road challenges but she says she is very "confident" in her team's ability to handle the tests to come. The bye week may have come at a very opportunistic time.

Hood brought up the fact that just like any student here at TJC, midterms are finally here. The extra time studying for classes, balanced with practice can be taxing on the team so a bye week has been quite beneficial for a team who needs the rest.

"This is the time that we are talking about pushing more fluids", says Coach Hood, an aspect of preparation that every athlete needs to keep in mind as midseason approaches. With the roster currently at full health TJC can be expected to make an impact coming out of the bye week.

TJC goes on the road to take on Missouri State University-West Plains at 11:00 a.m. on Friday Oct. 13.



Photos by Luke Hamilton

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** The Apache volleyball team practices for their next game against Missouri State University-West Plains at 11 a.m. on Oct. 13. They are looking to make their fourth national tournament appearance in the last five years. They finished ninth at the national tournament last season.



## PALMER

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Glenn will never forget when Palmer made a trip to Houston to bring him to Tyler to show him the campus.

"That's my man," said Glenn. "When he recruited me he actually picked me and my brother up from my high school and drove us here. He drove all the way to Houston to come pick us up. That meant a lot to me for him to drive me around and show me everything. I committed on the spot."

Glenn and many others on the team have a huge respect for Palmer and the commitments he has made to them.

"He is like a father figure to me," said Glenn. "I really love him a lot. He is hard but he knows what he is talking about I love football and coach Palmer make it easy because he is always there and he is looking out all the time."

At one point in every coach's career they wonder if anything they say makes an impact including Palmer. He finds his justification when he sees his athletes succeed.

"You never know if you are a good coach or not," said Palmer. "But, you have a good feeling about yourself as a coach when players you coached 20 years earlier bring their children by to see you or they give you a call or they want to hangout with you."

The Apaches are currently ranked No. 9 in the nation after losing their first game of the season to Navarro.

Navarro rallied from a 24-point deficit to upset the Apaches 37-26.

TJC is 5-1 on the season and 3-1 in conference.

The Apaches will head on the road to play No. 4 ranked Trinity Valley on Saturday at 3 p.m. Trinity Valley is coming off a 56-29 win over New Mexico Military.

On Oct. 9 two Trinity Valley football players were killed in a head on collision with an 18-wheeler in the early morning as they were on the way back to campus.



Photo by Vanesa Olvera

**DOMINATE** Paul Odendahl tosses in the ball from the sideline in the Oct. 10 game against Angelina College. Odendahl is a sophomore right back for the Apaches.



Photo by Isaiah Thornton

**OLD GOLRY** Marquez Byrd holds the American flag as the Apaches football team stands and the national anthem is played at the Oct. 7 against Navarro. The Apaches lost their first game of the season to them after giving up a 24-point lead.

## Apaches soccer continues win streak the final games of conference approach

Brianna Harmon  
Vanesa Olvera

The Apaches started their season No. 1 in the nation in the pre-season rankings, but after a loss to Coastal Bend in a non-conference game they fell to No. 5.

In the Oct. 10 rankings TJC is ranked No. 4 in the nation.

After the loss to Coastal Bend the fourth game of the season, the Apaches went on a five-game win streak which was broken up by a 2-1 loss to No.1 ranked Richland on Sept. 26.

Richland scored minute of the game taking a 1-0 lead early in the game leaving the Apaches in a bind as they started the second half. Richland found the back of the net again in the 75th minute of the game putting the Apaches down 2-0. The Apaches only goal came from Mohamed Kamara who scored with only 9 minutes left in the game.

Since the loss TJC has gone on a four-game win streak.

The Apaches beat Angelina Oct. 10 with a commanding 4-0 win.

Mohammed Kamara had a hat trick and Kalifah Dukuly found the back of the net for the final goal.

Kamara leads the team in goals this season having 27, Carlton McKenzie follows his lead with six goals.

TJC is ranked No. 2 in the nation in total shutouts by shutting out the of the teams they have played this season.

With the win TJC is 12-2 this season and 9-1 in conference.

The Apaches will head on the road to take on Northeast Texas on Oct.13 and Oct. 14 at Paris. Then they will head home to close out conference play against San Jacinto-South on Oct. 17 and Jacksonville on Oct. 21.

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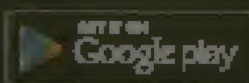
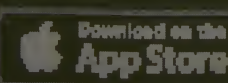
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## GET UP

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you are now. Did you really put in the 10,000 hours? Or were there some shortcuts along the way? Do not compromise your potential in any form. Just sit in any classroom around TJC, and you will quickly see those who don't possess the spirit of a hustler. This brings pain to my heart seeing people like this. I ask myself, "Are you even trying?" "What drives you in life?" "Can you honestly sit here and only do a half-ass job?" I know I may sound harsh, and who knows, these types of people could be suffering from difficult times in their life, distracting them from school. Even if that were the case, hardships should bring forth perseverance. I know for me it did.

Growing up I knew I was poor, but that didn't keep me from making the best out of a bad situation. Years down the road, and I started getting involved in things I knew I shouldn't be doing, but it made me money that could be used to provide for my family. Fast forward a few more years, and I am now a freshman in high school. My mother had recently been deported, and it forced me to step up to bat for my brothers. My father was around, but we didn't exactly have the best relationship. This is where life truly began for me. Working multiple jobs as a sixteen-year-old, constantly exerting myself at school to maintain my grades, and thinking about what the future held for me in the years to come. All the while, there are still people belittling me, telling me that I wouldn't amount to anything, no matter how hard I grinded. Still, I continued to charge towards what I wanted, and eventually put my state of mind into overdrive. I was determined to show those around me why I was the best, not through words, but through sheer hard work. Eventually this paid off, and the awards and accolades followed. I soon joined the Navy, and once again I achieved in my field, surprising everyone that doubted this level of commitment. Looking back, I see this period of my life as me trying to validate my worth.

Now I realize that it's not about being validated by those around you, but by the inner spirit that guides you. Believe it or not,

there are plenty of people that would love to see you fail. They prey on your weaknesses, and will pounce within a moment's notice if you let your guard down. As the old saying goes, "fake it till you make it." Show to "them" that you will not be defeated so easily, even if you do not have the confidence within yourself to believe that such things are possible. This is less of a motivational piece, and more of a pick me up. This is the shot of espresso I want you to feel when you get up in the morning. Don't be scared to take risks, but also don't be scared to fail. Whether it's sports, the arts, or even being a janitor, people will recognize the hard work over the profession any day.

When you break it down, it's all math. It's 1, 2, 3. Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding. You first must gain knowledge of self to figure out who you truly are as a human being. Second, you must gain wisdom of your surroundings. This can be obtained from a teacher, research, or by your own personal experience. Lastly, you will apply that wisdom to the decisions you make. It can be either good, or bad, but in the end, you will understand your actions. Since I started with Jay-Z, I would like to round things out with two of my favorite lines from him. The first comes off his 2011 collaboration album with Kanye West "Watch the Throne", where on the track "Otis" he raps, "Driving Benzes with no benefits, not bad, huh, for some immigrants." Success is defined differently by everyone. Success for you could be buying your mom a mansion. My success could be building schools for kids in El Salvador. Success is equal if you both got it out the mud." The second line is from "4:44" on the song "Marcy Me", where Jay reminisces on his days as a hustler in the housing projects where he grew up. He says, "Lord, we know who we are, yet we know not what we may be, so maybe I'm the one or maybe I'm crazy." You are your greatest enemy. You may believe you are crazy, but so what! Keep that belief that you're the one. It's only once you stop believing that the dream is truly over.

## SAFETY

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A faster flow of information means a faster response, which allows for emergency situations to be resolved safer and quicker. Campus officers will no longer have to wait on Tyler PD to call on them, but rather they can take action immediately.

Many various tasks must be done before the completion of the installation at the end of the month. The setup will involve electricians, the IT department, AT&T, and campus police preparing a workstation for the system and disposing of the old telephone line.

Chief Melton expresses his gratitude

for getting this system. "We're very thankful to the smith county 911 district for them seeing our need and funding this project."

Melton, along with other officers and security guards of TJC will be working hard this month to prepare for the big change coming soon.

This system, not only helps the students and officers on campus, but will also benefit anyone who comes on to TJC grounds. It is to better serve the community.

## SHOOTING

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firing a weapon at an individual.

All this while, no timely warning was ever issued. From the time the gunshot was heard, to the time Love was identified, to the five days until he was arrested. The school never issued a warning to students, faculty or staff.

"Why was there no campus alert? Because the bang is undetermined and was not perceived as a threat. We do not believe that there is a threat to students or anyone at TJC," said Sanders on Sept. 19.

According to the Clery Act, the school must issue a timely warning for any crime that represents an ongoing threat to the safety of students or employees; and issue an emergency notification upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on the campus.

The Clery Act is a federal law passed in 1990 to inform students about crime activity on campus. The law was passed after Jeanne Clery, a student at Lehigh University, was raped and murdered in 1987. Clery's parents argued that the university should have warned students about recent crimes so that they could protect themselves. All colleges who receive federal financial aid money are required to follow the Clery Act.

TJC's policy documented in its yearly

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Openness in current criminal activity is just as prominent of an issue considering the fact that public institutions are funded by taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately these types of public records and many others are not made easily available by many institutions.

And it is this lack of transparency that lends reason for independent sources to stand up and ask questions. Fortunately this freedom was made readily available by our forefathers in the very first amendment: "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom

Clery Act report says, "Timely warnings will be issued for offenses that are included in Clery Act crimes, for offenses that occurred in specified geographic areas, or an offense that represents a serious or continuing threat to a member of our campus community. Timely warnings are disseminated to promote safety, to allow individuals to protect themselves, and to state the time, location, and type of crime. Timely warnings will be made without delay."

According to Executive Director of Marketing, Media and Communications, Kim Lessner, Director of Risk Management Robby Underwood and Campus Police Chief Randy Melton are in charge of sending timely warnings.

"You send those [timely warnings] out when you think there is an on-going threat to our community. In this case, the victim is not a student. So the threat to our campus did not represent a threat if the victim is not on campus," said Melton.

In order to learn more about the incident, The DrumBeat has requested security camera footage of the under the Texas Public Information Act. The request was denied by the school. The school cited privacy of the ongoing investigation and revealing the locations of the cameras. However, The DrumBeat editors documented 13 security cameras around Crossroads hall that are fully visible.

of speech, or of the press..." Student media, like all media, is afforded First Amendment protection.

And this includes the right to report when students feel that the college is not following federal and state guidelines.

Students must be given information so that they can make educated safety decisions. Ignorance may be bliss to some, but I bet the vast majority would prefer to remain cognizant when it comes to their overall safety on campus.

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that I had that specific disease.

In school they make you think that you have to know exactly what you want to be when you start applying for colleges. You can imagine how freaked I was when 4 months were left of senior year and my "lifelong dream" of becoming a doctor fell through. There were many a times I balled my eyes out to my mom 'I'm going to be a bum, I don't know what I want to do with my life', at 17. But still she pushed me to go look at colleges and apply.

When I visited TJC I fell in love with the campus, it was beautiful. Especially considering it was a junior college and if I'm being honest it looked better than some universities I visited. At orientation my mom made me sign-up to be a Radio/TV Broadcast major. And I am glad she did.

The main thing I wanted out of a career was to help people and real journalism is just that. As a journalist, you're given the power to make a difference, whether it be big or small, everyday. I'm able to bring to light corruption in areas the 'average joe' may not have known to look. And I'm also able to report on great things happening in the community. If I posted the weather cast online I helped an old lady somewhere remember to bring her umbrella to stay dry. Working for The DrumBeat has been a life changing experience.

Well guys I hope you enjoyed meeting me and getting to know a little bit about my background. If you have any story tips or a story you feel is newsworthy please don't hesitate to email me directly at qmiller2@email.tjc.edu.

## Guest speaker discusses diversity on campus

Anna Graves  
News Editor

Tyler Junior College hosted a Distinguished lecture event to celebrate hispanic heritage month Oct. 9 in Jean Browne Theatre. Guest speaker, Nicanor Pesina spoke about diversity. He is a successful attorney at Roberts and Roberts Law Firm in Tyler, and an active member of the hispanic community.

Pesina's points in his presentation bring about the idea that diversity is not one-dimensional, but instead it is a multidimensional. And that true diversity is the thought at the table, which is having a conversation with someone different than you and understanding each other in the diversity of thought.

"I think a lot of times we fall into the trap of thinking that diversity is just what is seen...There's this intersectionality of the different dynamics about what makes every individual, whether it's your race, ethnicity, sexual preference, your country of origin, your geographic origin, your political beliefs. All of those things come together to make you a multidimensional person and not just one of those things categorize you." Says Pesina.

Nicaró Pesina is not affiliated with TJC, but he appreciates his acquaintance with the campus. "I love the fact that it's one of the real gems we have in our community, and I think highly of the institution... Although I am not an apache, I'm very proud to support the Apache nation."

The committee of the Distinguished Lecture series hope to continue these discussions and create a tradition in the city of Tyler and all of Smith County.



Photo by Anna Graves

**DISTINGUISHED LECTURE** Nicanor Pesina gives a speech on diversity, in Jean Brown Theatre on October 9th.

**"Coming together and understanding there are all those multideminsions of diversity helps us understand one another and really helps us have those conversations where we're responding to one another instead of reacting to one another."**

-Nicanor Pesina  
Attorney at Roberts & Roberts



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### Friday Oct. 13

Last day of Fall 1st 8 week term  
**Library Workshop: Research Methods**  
 10 am -11 pm  
 Quest Classroom, Vaughn Library 1st floor  
**Literary Analysis Workshop**  
 Quest Classroom, Vaughn Library 1st floor  
**Faculty Recital Series**  
 1 pm  
 Jean Brown Theater  
**TJC Soccer@ Northeast Community College**  
 4 pm  
**TJC Volleyball @ Missouri State University-West Plains**  
 11 am  
**TJC Volleyball vs. Indian Hills CC-Ottumwa**  
 7 pm  
 Wagstaff Gym  
**TJC Women's Soccer @Northeast Texas**  
 2pm  
**Saturday Oct. 14**  
**TJC Volleyball vs. Hutchinson CC**  
 11 am  
 Wagstaff Gym  
**TJC Volleyball vs. Jefferson College**  
 3 pm  
 Wagstaff Gym  
**TJC Volleyball @Panola College**  
 7pm  
**TJC Women's Soccer @Paris Junior College**  
 2pm

### TJC Football @ Trinity Valley CC

3pm  
**TJC Soccer@ Paris Junior College**  
 4 pm  
**Monday Oct. 16**  
**Classes begin Fall 2nd -Week**  
**Tuesday Oct. 17**  
**Student Senate General Assembly**  
 4 pm- 5 pm  
 Jenkins Hall, Room 1109  
**Wednesday Oct. 18**  
**Blood Drive**  
 10 am-2 pm  
 2nd floor Rogers Student Center  
**Reading on the Lawn**  
 11 am- 1 pm  
 Vaughn Library and Potter Hall  
**TJC Soccer Vs. San Jacinto College-South**  
 7 pm  
 Pat Hartley Field Complex  
**Thursday Oct. 19**  
**Make the most of your semester workshop**  
 1 pm -3 pm  
 Quest Classroom, Vaughn Library 1st floor  
**Friday Oct. 20**  
**Library Workshop: Popular Vs. Scholarly Sources**  
 10am -11am  
 Quest Classroom, Vaughn Library 1st fl.  
**Student Recital Series**  
 1 pm  
 Jean Brown Theater

### Writing and the English Language Learner

1 pm-3pm  
 Quest Classroom, Vaughn Library 1st fl.  
**Saturday Oct. 21**  
**TJC Volleyball @Navarro College**  
 2 pm  
**TJC Football vs. New Mexico Military Institute**  
 3 pm  
**TJC Soccer @ Jacksonville College**  
 7 pm  
**TJC Women's Soccer @Jacksonville College**  
 5 pm  
**Monday Oct. 23**  
**Homecoming Drumbeat Kick-off**  
 12 pm  
 Rogers Student Center  
**Tuesday Oct. 24**  
**Student Senate General Assembly**  
 4 pm - 5pm  
 Jenkins Hall, Room 1109  
**Wednesday Oct. 25**  
**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**  
 7:30 pm  
 Jean Brown Theater  
**Homecoming Dance and Late Night Breakfast**  
 8 pm -11:30 pm  
 Rogers Student Center 1st floor  
**TJC Volleyball @Panola College**  
 7pm

### Thursday Oct. 26

**Homecoming Parade**  
 5:15 pm  
 TJC Main Campus  
**Homecoming Pep Rally & Neighborhood Party**  
 6 pm  
 Jenkins Hall Lawn  
**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**  
 7:30 pm  
 Jean Brown Theater  
**Friday Oct. 27**  
**Library Workshop: Citation Styles**  
 10 am -11 am  
 Quest Classroom, Vaughn Library 1st floor  
**Apache Band & Belles 70th Anniversary Reception**  
 6 pm  
 White Administrative Services  
**Campus Capers Talent Show**  
 6:30 pm  
 Wise Auditorium  
**Homecoming Alumni Awards Dinner**  
 7 pm  
 Rogers Student Center  
**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**  
 7:30 pm  
**Saturday Oct. 28**  
**TJC Football vs. Kilgore College**  
 3 pm

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office East. What has happened will always be with us, but I believe you are an example of the inherent goodness that will always overshadow such a cruel and senseless act, and I thank you for being such a wonderful example of that goodness."

The memorial ended with a moment of silence, followed by a singing of the "Matador Song" by the assembled crowd.

Payton Robinson, a sophomore psychology major from Fredericksburg who attended the memorial, said the campus lockdown made her angry.

"It's really sad, and it pisses me off," she said. "I don't think something like this can be prevented. Criminals are going to be criminals. I was in the music building, at the Balkan music concert, when they stopped the performance and locked us in the music hall. During all of that, two guys got up and told everyone they were carrying guns, campus carry, and knowing that somehow made me feel safer."

Rogers said that after the shooting

in Las Vegas, and the campus lockdown, everyone needs to come together and show that we are there for each other.

"Especially at Tech, no one ever expected this," he said. "We need to make sure that students who are going the wrong way, who are in trouble or act depressed, each and every person should reach out to people like that, bringing it together, so everyone knows we are here for each other, so, it won't happen again, anywhere in the world."

Kendra Veit, a junior education major from Conroe, also attended the memorial with her friends. She said the number of people who showed up to the memorial amazed her.

"It is a student-run, student-created event, and yet the amount of people who came out and supported the community is just so awesome," Veit said. "Lubbock is a family."

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Photo by Justin Rex, The Daily Toreador

**GUNS UP** Students and community members throw their guns up at the vigil at Memorial Circle on Oct. 10, 2017. The vigil was held for the fallen Texas Tech Police Officer Floyd East Jr.



Courtesy photo

**TJC SCHOOL SPIRIT** Cindy Gaddis, a Learning Framework professor, is posing with a handmade blanket. Cindy Allen, a Learning Framework professor, gifted Gaddis with a blanket out of previous TJC t-shirts.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TJC art professor selected as Texas Biennial exhibitor**  
 Philana Oliphant Pace has been chosen as an exhibitor for the sixth edition of the Texas Biennial, a geographically focused exhibition of contemporary art.

**Susan Farrington named TJC director of alumni relations**

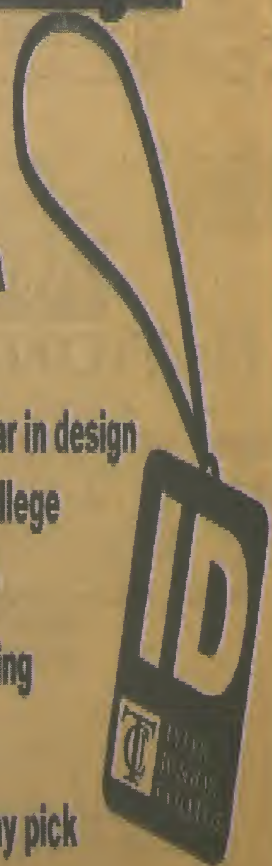
Farrington, a Waco native, says "It's an honor to join the special community at TJC as the new alumni relations director."

**TJC Rusk nursing graduates receive 100 percent passing rate on national exam**

On Aug. 17, students graduated from the TJC Rusk vocational nursing program. Every graduate passed their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) as defined by the Texas Board of Nursing.

## Student/Employee Lanyard Policy:

1. Lanyards must be worn around the neck while on campus, and the ID card must be clearly visible at all times, unless it should be removed for safety reasons or an approved ADA variance.
2. Any lanyard is acceptable, but it must be similar in design and worn in the same manner as the official college lanyard. The color of the lanyard is not critical.
3. No one will be allowed into class without wearing his or her ID/lanyard.
4. Students who do not have their ID/Lanyards may pick up a Day Pass at the Campus Safety Office, Campus Safety Substation located at the Rogers Student Center or from a TJC Ambassador. The first Day Pass each semester is free of charge. For all subsequent Day Passes a \$5.00 cost recovery charge will be billed to the student's account.
5. Employees may obtain a Day ID/Lanyard from their respective Dean's or Director's office.



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## TJC choir director initiates new approach

Dr. Posada takes over as head of the choir program with new ambitions in mind



**TJC CHOIR PERFORMS AT RECITAL** Here the concert choir performs a piece in Browne Theater. No audition is necessary for students to join.

Courtesy Photo

**Chris Williams**  
Managing Editor

Dr. Eric Posada joined the TJC community this semester, taking a directing role for the school's choral department. The Texas Tech Alumni and former assistant director of choral activities at Texas A&M University will lead TJC's choirs into their next chapter.

Posada said that he is looking forward to expanding the choirs' outreach this semester. "One of my goals particularly with the choirs is to bring more public awareness and make sure people know we are doing some exceptional work with our choir program."

To accomplish this objective, Posada hopes to find additional performances for the choir to participate in outside of the two already required. One opportunity he plans to offer students is a tryout for the Texas two year all state choir. "You audition and if you make the choir you go in February to Texas Music Educators Association and you are a part of this big choir made up of other two year all staters," he said. He also plans to encourage students to attend the Southwest American choral director's association honor choir which features a world class clinician that works with the students over a weekend.

In Posada's own words he plans to spend much of his time "finding more opportunities for our students to be a part of more performances and other opportunities for them to sing and be highlighted for their great work."

This will be a huge undertaking but Dr. Posada's resume speaks toward his capability to handle the challenge. He has spent over a decade working with liturgical music and has directed choruses that have performed at Carnegie hall, in Germany and in Canada. Now, after taking a year off for paternity leave, Posada has decided to return to his passion for music.

He added that he was looking forward to his first experience in the Texas junior college community: "I was pleased to read up on the history and know that TJC

has been established for a long period of time and are doing some things to kind of almost reflect a 4 year university but still at a 2 year college."

He is fairly new to Tyler and greater East Texas, but he said that he was initially impressed by TJC: "Even when I first visited campus and I was interviewing, I just thought it was a beautiful campus," Posada said. Posada was also enthusiastic about his new co-workers: "I came and interviewed here and immediately felt like a part of the family with the music faculty here. I knew that it would be a great fit and I think it makes a big difference when you enjoy working with your colleagues and your boss."

Posada said that he had enjoyed his first 5 weeks with the students as well: "I've missed working with students...having an opportunity to do that again is what appeals to me from day in and day out," he said.

And although most of his time devoted to teaching, Dr. Posada also stays busy outside of musical endeavors.

"I started taking Krav Maga. That's an Israeli self-defense. I loved boxing so that was one of my hobbies so I was trying to find an opportunity to get involved here in the community," he said. Posada also shared his passion for sports: "I love watching sports. I am a huge Dallas Cowboys fan."

Looking from Posada's passions for TJC music to sports, it seems that Dr. Posada is all set to thrive here, but he had something to add that might make his time here even more worthwhile.

"for me it was also important for me in my interview to share that I am now having a son and having gone through college and finished and such [I want] to be able to relate to students that are here and some of the obstacles that they may have had coming to TJC," he said.

Posada mentioned that he was raised on a lack of financial means so he wants to ensure his students can succeed through their own struggles.

"I want to be available and approachable to students here at TJC while increasing or raising the standards of our



**DR. ERIC POSADA** Posada is looking forward to working with his new students to make fresh strides in this year's state choral competitions.

Courtesy Photo

## Yellow Jackets protecting and serving TJC students



**SERVING** Billie Cooks (on the right) is handing a student (on the left) a lanyard for his school ID

Photo by Quanae Miller

**Quanae Miller**  
Student Life Editor

Students have mixed feelings about having Ambassadors, also referred to as Yellow Jackets, on campus. Some students assume they have a background in the police force and find them annoying while others genuinely appreciate their presence on campus.

The yellow jackets were an organization put in place by Mr. Metke. There were a lot of random people walking around campus, disturbing students, and causing trouble. To put an end to that Mr. Metke put in place the yellow jackets. Most of the yellow jackets are elders or preachers in local churches.

Issac Jenkins, a Yellow Jacket and pastor at Taking Dominion Ministry Training Center, said that before the Yellow Jackets were on campus students were able to do whatever they wanted. He said that there were a great deal of people who didn't go to TJC wandering on campus. There wasn't much security.

The Yellow Jacket program was a

solution to that problem. The Yellow Jackets were put in place to ensure extra security and be an extra set of eyes and ears on campus to make sure anyone with ill intent was spotted in a more timely fashion.

They all have varying backgrounds but none of them are police officers. They are here to protect students on campus by making sure that anyone who doesn't belong on campus stays off campus. They're able to ensure safety by stopping students on their way to class to make sure they have an ID and that they have the ID on a lanyard around their neck.

If you've forgotten your ID in your room, car, or have lost your ID and haven't had time to replace it they will give you a day pass and allow you to proceed to class. And if you have an ID but your lanyard has broken you can ask them for a new lanyard and they'll give you one free of charge.

Aside from protecting students on campus, the yellow jackets are on campus to provide an encouraging word and help guide you in the right direction, a direction you may not have even known you wanted

to take.

Their personal missions go far beyond making sure you're abiding by the rules, they want you to succeed academically, advance your thinking, and just enjoy life.

Billie Cooks, a Yellow Jacket, is an Elder at Higher Dimensions Ministry. She says she enjoys conversing with the students on campus and try to make sure they do well in their studies and in life.

Cooks went on to say that when a student is struggling with life issues varying from depression to suicidal thoughts, she's there to listen. "The person in the yellow jacket(s) is not just there to give you a day pass but also there to hear what's going on with you and to maybe redirect the situation you're going through," said Cooks. Cooks says that now's the time for students to mature and get a taste of what adulthood is all about. She has encountered students from various backgrounds. Students that have to work to put themselves through school and students that still rely heavily on their parents handling all of their affairs. She says she is there to help redirect students into

making better decisions that help them mature and succeed.

Jenkins says that interacting with the students on campus has kept him young. He says the youthfulness on campus continuously redirects a person's thinking 'of who you think you are' because young people are able to live solely in the moment.

One of Jenkins' main purposes is to help students expand their thinking. He enjoys asking students what their major is and what their passion is and finds that most students don't follow their true passions because of what others say, such as saying they can't make any money being an artist or an actress. His goal is to show students not to be linear in their thinking, you can truly do what makes you happy. Jenkins said, "You have time to make mistakes, you can afford to fail forward."

Though at times being stopped by a Yellow Jacket can be inconvenient they were put in place to protect you, to guide you. If you need someone to talk to or advice on a situation, don't hesitate to stop and start a conversation. They're here for you.